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H-Bomb Reported Lost in Soft Seabed

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PALOMARES, Spain American officials refused to comment yesterday on widespread reports that the H-bomb lost in the crash of a nuclear bomber Jan. 17 has been lost again in the soft seabed.

According to the reports, the 2800-pound bomb plunged out of sight in the mud at a depth of 2500 feet when a cable snapped March 26 in an attempt to lift it. The reports said the Navy knows roughly where the bomb is, but it is no longer visible and is out of sonar range.

The cable snapped, the third time a line attached to the bomb has broken, as the bomb was being lifted by the research ship Mizar which has a winch capable of lifting five tons.